

Lourie in the Legislature. "He was so great because he was so good."

The son of Jewish immigrants, Lourie showed up Sunday after Sunday in black churches, Sanders recalled, serving as a bridge from the state's segregationist past to an as yet unknown future.

"Izzy was truly one of the great progressive leaders of South Carolina during a very difficult time, a time of integration, a time of trying to replace centuries of bad times for African-American citizens and poor white citizens," said former Gov. Dick Riley.

Lourie had great empathy for those who could not speak for themselves, in part because of his family's immigrant story.

"He saw the grand sweep of the American dream," said Charleston Mayor Joe Riley. "He saw his part in it . . . and he wanted to extend that to everybody he possibly could."

Lourie, along with a group of "Young Turk" Democrats that included Sanders, Joe Riley and Dick Riley, stormed the white, rural establishment that controlled life in South Carolina from the courthouse to the capitol.

In the House and later in the Senate, the Young Turks backed school integration and "fought like hell," Lourie once recalled, to institute such reforms as compulsory school attendance and reappointmentment.

Lourie was a freshman lawmaker in 1965 when he confronted the House speaker over what he deemed an egregious practice: the refusal to introduce black visitors sitting in the House gallery.

He held an "an eyeball-to-eyeball" session with the late Speaker Sol Blatt, Lourie later recalled, during a time when white lawmakers were reluctant to cede long-denied rights to African-Americans. But Lourie prevailed.

"WE KNEW WE WERE JEWISH"

Lourie grew up in St. George above the family department store founded by his father, Louis Lourie, a Russian immigrant who arrived in America knowing no English and with little money in his pockets.

But Louis Lourie had cousins in St. Matthews and Orangeburg and came to South Carolina to work for room and board. In 1920, he met Anne Friedman, a young Polish Jew who had come with her family to Charleston to escape European persecution. They were married in 1921 and moved to St. George.

Lourie's father established the L. Lourie Department Store in St. George and ran a wholesale shoe business out of Augusta, Ga. The family grew to include six children—Isadore was the youngest—but his mother continued to manage the household and the business after her husband suffered a heart attack in 1939.

Long after he was grown, Isadore Lourie remembered the quiet of Sunday mornings in the small town, his Christian friends packed off to Sunday school and church. By Sunday afternoon, he said, his solitude had ended and he was back running with his schoolboy chums.

"We knew we were Jewish—my mother strongly felt her Jewish identity—but we got along well with our non-Jewish neighbors," Lourie recalled in 2000.

His mother kept a kosher house, and the family would travel to Charleston for High Holy Days.

After Isadore completed high school in 1948, his mother closed the St. George store and, with her two eldest sons, Solomon and Mick, opened the new Lourie's Department Store in Columbia, now a fixture in the capital city.

Sen. Jake Knotts, R-Lexington, still buys his suits from Lourie's, recalling the kindness of the late senator in helping Knotts arrange credit to buy his first suit after becoming a Columbia detective.

"He looked out for the little man," said Knotts. "I looked up to him for that."

GREAT TIME TO BE A DEMOCRAT

Lourie, who earned his undergraduate and law degrees from USC, was first elected to the House in 1964. In 1971, he was elected to the Senate, where he battled the old crony system and served, many of his colleagues say, as the body's conscience.

He once described the administration of Gov. Dick Riley as "eight glorious years." He said, "It was a wonderful time to be a progressive Democrat in South Carolina."

Lourie clashed later with former Republican Gov. Carroll Campbell. Their feud dated to Campbell's bitter 1978 congressional campaign against former Greenville Mayor Max Heller, who is Jewish.

Those deep-seated feelings surfaced in a keynote address to the Richland County Democratic convention in 1990, when Lourie urged the party faithful to fight against Campbell and his "crew of thugs" on every street corner.

Lourie apologized, saying he got carried away. The two later patched things up. Thursday, Campbell hailed Lourie as the consummate public servant.

He worked for and witnessed the election of the first black candidates to the Legislature. Today, 32 blacks serve in the Legislature.

Eventually, Lourie represented a redrawn, black-majority Senate district. He almost lost the seat in 1984. Then, after meeting with black leaders in 1992 at the height of his power, he decided to give up his seat voluntarily.

"He paid the ultimate political sacrifice. He gave up his political career," said state Sen. Darrell Jackson, D-Richland, who won Lourie's old seat.

After his retirement, Lourie continued his civic activities. In 1994, he was the founding president of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina and cleared the way for the development of the Jewish Heritage Collection at the College of Charleston, which already had a vibrant Jewish Studies program.

"The thing about him, he was a politician, a good politician," said Dale Rosengarten, curator of the collection. "But he was what we call in Yiddish a 'mensch.' He had character, unimpeachable integrity and a heart as big as a house."

He also had a running joke of 40 years that he shared with his old Turk buddy Sanders.

That joke won't be told again, Sanders said, but he did reveal this: Lourie "was the straight man, and I'll miss him for the rest of my life."

A service will be held at 3 p.m. today in Beth Shalom Synagogue, with burial in Hebrew Benevolent Society Cemetery.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM IN NATIONAL ISSUES: CELEBRATING 30 YEARS IN WASHINGTON, DC

HON. TIMOTHY J. RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kent State University's Washington Program in National Issues, known as WPNI. On May 1, 2003, WPNI will celebrate its 30th Anniversary. This anniversary not only marks WPNI's 30th year in Washington, D.C., but also symbolizes the impressive achievements of those faculty, staff, alumni and students who are and who have been dedicated

to the success of WPNI. Dr. Carol Cartwright, President of Kent State University, has been a very strong supporter of the program and has contributed significantly to its continued success.

WPNI has three primary objectives: (1) to facilitate learning about the U.S. political system and its policy issues; (2) to develop an understanding of the interrelationship of public issues and structures of government; and (3) to encourage individual initiative and provide for experiences in internship and research. Dr. Carol Cartwright and Dr. Richard Robyn, Director of WPNI, have worked extremely hard to ensure that these objectives are met.

WPNI is a full 15-week academic program offered each Spring semester by Kent State University. Since its creation in 1973, WPNI has sent more than 600 selected juniors and seniors from various academic disciplines to Washington, D.C. to live, work and study. Throughout the course of the program, the students are required to participate in an academic curriculum and maintain an internship position in government, a company or an organization of their choice. The academic and professional benefits this program brings to its students are extraordinary. At the same time, government entities, companies and organizations benefit enormously. I know this first-hand as my Washington office had the good fortune to have Sarah Jones from Hubbard, Ohio, as a WPNI intern since February 2003. Sarah made an invaluable contribution to the day-to-day operation of my office and we will miss her greatly.

I commend Dr. Cartwright and those at Kent State involved in the foundation and the continuation of this meaningful program. I also congratulate all of the students who have taken part in this wonderful experience over the past 30 years. I am certain, that with continued support, the Washington Program in National Issues will celebrate many more anniversaries to come.

ASHLEY DURMAS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding athlete and a pioneer from my district in the sport of woman's snowmobile racing. Ashley Durmas of Whitewater, Colorado is only 17 years old, though she is already an accomplished professional snowmobile racer.

Ashley started racing in junior competitions during the winter of 1999–2000 against a field of all boys. She crashed nearly every race, but Ashley is a winner, and she refused to give up. She continued riding and racing. She improved so much that last year she turned professional and finished second overall in the Colorado women's pro class. She still competes in the male division and usually finishes at or near the top. She recently entered the Colorado state championships in the sport class and beat 21 of the 23 men who competed against her.

Ashley is not only successful on the snow, but she excels in the classroom too. Even though her busy schedule often requires her to study while on the road to out-of-state

events, this high school junior still finds the time and energy to hit the books and earn As and Bs on her report cards.

Ashley's tenacity, hard work, and dedication have truly made her community and the state of Colorado proud. It is my privilege to bring her example to the attention of my colleagues here in this body today. Ashley embodies the old maxim, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Ashley not only tried again, but has developed into an outstanding athlete and an inspiration to us all. I congratulate her on her success and wish her the best with all of her future endeavors.

HONORING OFFICER MARYANN
COLLURA OF THE FAIR LAWN
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday April 29, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Officer MaryAnn Collura of the Fair Lawn Police Department in Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, it pains me to report that on Thursday, April 17, 2003, at the age of 43, MaryAnn Collura was killed in the line of duty. Officer Collura is only the fifth female to be killed while serving as a police officer in the State of New Jersey. Her loss has sent shockwaves through the members of her department, the people of Fair Lawn, and the entire State of New Jersey.

MaryAnn Collura was borne in New York City, the youngest daughter of Pasquale and Helen Collura. MaryAnn was a lifelong resident of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey. She lived in the same home on Morlot Avenue in Fair Lawn where she and her siblings had grown up. She attended the same church where she had been baptized as a baby and taken her first holy communion as a young girl. The streets that MaryAnn patrolled each day as a police officer were the same streets that she ran as a child. Fair Lawn was home in every sense of the word.

MaryAnn was known for her devotion to the community and to its people. So, it came as no surprise when MaryAnn decided to join the Fair Lawn Police Department in 1985, after serving for two years as a special officer. MaryAnn broke new ground in the department, becoming the first female officer in the town's history.

It was her compassion for her neighbors, combined with her courage and skill as an officer, that made MaryAnn an inspiration to other young women and men who wished to dedicate their lives to becoming officers of the peace. MaryAnn cared about the details of her community. She went as far as to initiate a program for children to carry glow sticks on Halloween to make them more visible to cars. It goes without saying that MaryAnn was well liked and well respected, both by the members of her community and by her fellow police officers. But more importantly, during her eighteen years on the force, MaryAnn made a difference.

Although I am not the Representative in Congress for the community of Fair Lawn, the loss of Officer Collura is one that hits particularly close to home. MaryAnn Collura was the

aunt of my longtime staff member and campaign manager, Scott Snyder. To Scott, I would like to take this opportunity to say that the thoughts and prayers of the entire Pallone family and the Pallone staff are with you and your family in your time of loss.

Mr. Speaker, it is at these times that we are reminded of the sacrifice that police officers and their families make in the name of community service. To a police officer, each call presents dangers and threats that we cannot begin to imagine. To the outside world, a police officer's uniform represents unwavering and selfless dedication to the protection of our community and the defense and enforcement of our nation's laws. This is something that all police officers understand, and something MaryAnn died upholding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring the life and work of Officer MaryAnn Collura. I urge my colleagues to take a moment and recognize the bravery and selflessness of all of our nation's police officers, and all of our heroes in uniform.

To MaryAnn's family; her mother, Helen; her siblings Paul, Patricia, and Linda; and to Scott and his entire family—please know that MaryAnn's commitment and sacrifice will never be forgotten by the people of Fair Lawn, the State of New Jersey or by the Congress of the United States.

HONORING LIEUTENANT THOMAS
A. PETRELLA, UNITED STATES
NAVY

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, during this time of war, our thoughts are constantly with our active duty military personnel overseas, and also with all of the men and women who wore the uniform of the United States military through the years. I rise today to honor an individual who will retire this month following a long tour of service to this country.

Lieutenant Thomas A. Petrella enlisted in the United States Navy in 1980 and served as an intelligence specialist aboard four different aircraft carriers, a cruiser, and a nuclear attack submarine. Thom served 10 great years of commissioned service using his knowledge and extensive experience to better his community.

Throughout his successful 23-year career, Thom focused on his duties to aid our Nation and the United States Navy. He concludes his spectacular career as a Vietnam War analyst at the Department of Defense where he analyzed cases of Americans missing from the Vietnam War, including that of Captain Arnold Holm, a resident of Connecticut's Second District of whose greatness I have spoken here before.

Lieutenant Petrella epitomizes the type of person we would like to have serving in our Armed Forces, someone who believes in this country, in its values, someone who believes in faith and family and hard work, and someone who has a great appreciation for the blessings of freedom and who worked during his years to promote the values that have made this country a great place to be.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Lieutenant Thomas Petrella

for his dedicated and committed service to this Nation. Your best years are still to come. I would also like to extend these wishes to his wife Renee and their children Kara, Ryan and Cody.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM T. "BILL"
ROBINSON

HON. KEN LUCAS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate William T. ("Bill") Robinson III for receiving the prestigious Themis Award. The criteria for this award is "Extraordinary service by an attorney to the Cincinnati Bar Association, the legal profession and/or the general community, which displays a high level of commitment, dedication or courage." Bill Robinson has certainly met this criteria.

Bill currently serves as Chair of the Finance Committee and Member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association (ABA). He has served as State Delegate to the ABA Nominating Committee, President of the National Caucus of State Bar Associations, member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Bar Presidents and is chairing the ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services and the ABA Standing Committee on Substance Abuse. Bill served as 50th President of the Kentucky Bar Association, founding Chair of the Kentucky IOLTA Fund, President of the Kentucky Bar Foundation, Co-Founder & President of the Salmon P. Chase American Inn of Court. Bill is a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers, a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, a Sustaining Member of the American Bar Foundation, Member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, and a Sustaining Member of The American Law Institute.

In addition to his significant accomplishments in his chosen profession, Bill has a distinguished history of serving our local business community. As a co-founder of the Metropolitan Growth Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, he played a key role in the creation of the "Gallis Report" which has become a catalyst for a multi-jurisdictional, regional approach toward a wide range of strategic policy, planning and development initiatives throughout our Tri-State region. Bill also was a Founding Board Member and Secretary/Treasurer of the Tri-County Economic Development Corporation, the Vice Chair for Economic Development for the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, and the Chair of the Partnership for Greater Cincinnati, a multi-million dollar initiative for economic development in the region; and a Founding Board Member of CINCY-TECH USA, the new economy initiative of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber. Bill is the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Finance Committee Board of Directors of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport where he has served on the Board and helped direct the airport's emergence as one of the world's most modern and efficient airports.

Bill grew up in Cincinnati, was educated at the Athenaeum of Ohio and St. Gregory Seminary, Thomas More College and the College of Law at the University of Kentucky. He